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| **To:** | City Council |
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| **Subject:** | Urging You To Vote Against Disturbing HP Boycott Resolution |
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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Jack Podolsky and I live in Cambridge near Porter Square. I have truly enjoyed living in Cambridge, and I value Cambridge's commitment to diversity and pluralism. As an Orthodox Jew who wears a yarmulke, that commitment is very important to me. It allows me to feel at home in Cambridge, despite the fact that I dress and pray differently than so many of our city's residents.

This is why I am dismayed that the City Council will be considering the "Boycott HP" resolution. I believe that Cambridge's reputation for tolerance and diversity would be severely damaged were this resolution to pass. This resolution unfairly singles out Israel among all the nations for special criticism. For Jewish residents of Cambridge like myself, this is a slap to the face. Sadly, if the City Council were to endorse this resolution that targets Israel specifically, it would force many of us to question whether Jews are truly welcome here in Cambridge.

Jewish residents of Cambridge have so many brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins, children, friends, and more who live in the State of Israel. Many of them are American citizens too. That the Cambridge City Council would endorse a resolution that seeks to materially harm our friends and family abroad is deplorable.

An example: I know personally a lady in Israel who works for HP. She and her children are all American citizens. She uses her wages to help support her young children, as well as to support her elderly mother, who is a Holocaust survivor and an American citizen too. These are the type of people who will be harmed by this misguided and one-sided resolution.

As a Cambridge resident, I implore you all to vote against this resolution. Please show us and the world that the Jewish community of Cambridge is welcome here. Thank you.

Best,

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